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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner F. Ryan Zeender	Art Unit 3627	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehdipour et al. '390 in view of Kaehler '126.

Mehdipour et al. disclose an automated payment system for a plurality of parking facilities including a central monitoring facility (Col. 19, lines 17-20), a plurality of exit gate facilities remote from the central monitoring facility controlling egress from a corresponding one of the plurality of parking facilities, payment terminals 34/52/68 having processors at each exit gate facility for assessing and receiving payment (Col. 2, line 67 through Col. 3, line 13; and Col. 19, lines 33-40), means for opening the gate at the exit upon receiving payment (Col. 2, line 67 through Col. 3, line 13; and Col. 19, lines 33-40), and data link(s) between the monitoring facility 60 and the processor(s) of the payment terminals 34/52/68 (See Fig. 2).

Mehdipour et al. lack the specific teaching of providing two-way video and audio communication between the central monitoring facility and the payment terminal, the communication including an Ethernet or Internet link; and the data link between the processor and monitoring facility permitting remote control of the processor.

Kaehler teaches the use of two-way audio and video communication between a monitoring facility and a payment terminal whereby the data link permits remote control of the processor.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Mehdipour et al. to include providing two-way video and audio communication between the central monitoring facility and the payment terminal, the data link between the processor and monitoring facility permitting remote control of the processor, in view of Kaehler, in order to allow the customer to initiate and complete an extended transaction (*i.e., payment for an outstanding monthly parking pass*; See *Mehdipour, Col. 3, lines 14-23*) yielding added convenience to the customer (See *Kaehler, Col. 1, lines 29-31*).

The Examiner takes Official Notice that Ethernet or Internet connections were well known in the art for communication between processors, and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use either one of means for communicating, in order to provide efficient and/or high speed data transmission.

Claims 3, 7, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehdipour et al. '390 in view of Kaehler '126, as applied to claims 1, 5, and 10 above, and further view of Murphy '380.

Mehdipour et al. '390 in view of Kaehler '126 lack the specific teaching of the two-way audio video communication including an IP-addressable video camera.

Murphy teaches that it was well known at the time of the invention to use an IP-addressable video camera.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Mehdipour et al. '390 in view of Kaehler '126 to include specifically an IP-addressable video camera, in view of Murphy, in order to have control of the camera (See for example, Murphy, Col. 4, lines 13-44).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to all claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The Examiner has attempted to address all concerns that are still deemed relevant in the rejection above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Ryan Zeender whose telephone number is (571) 272-6790. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alex Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The receptionist's phone number for the Technology center is (571) 272-3600.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.



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